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Dear Harold and Sylvia,

I have received from Belin an 8 page letter (he assures me his last) in "response" to my last 2 letters to him. It is an unusually large dose of the same sanctimony. It is also insulting to and of me, for he constantly makes innuendoes to "facts" I "conveniently" ignore, constantly tells me my knowledge of the "overall record" is poor (I would "Flunk the course" if he were grading me) and he misquotes and misrepresents me over and over again. He answers not one of my questions, except to say that when the Report says no one saw Oswald between 11:55 and 12:30, it made a "minor overstatement."

The letter absolutely infuriated me and I drafted a lengthy reply in which I documented once and for all that he is a liar, that he distorts, omits and misrepresents facts, and has subborned perjury. My desire is simply not to let him have the last word, esp. with the last letter he wrote, and also to push his nose further into his own feces. I cannot write the final version for about 2 weeks until I go home and check my files for some things. So I'll have time to decide if I should tone the letter down. Right now I am against it, for I think a strong letter is in order.

My chief concern is over the conclusion of the letter. I won't bother you with the rest of what I wrote, for I am satisfied with that. However, this is how I ended the letter, using an allusion Harold has used,

> "There is no response I can make to your numerous and cumbersome assurances of your own virtue and unending striving for the truth, neither of which has any support in the evidence. In light of your hysterical pro forma defense--the only defense you have offered-I am led to believe that you are not a well man or that you are an unscrupulous liar.
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> "Although your knowledge of current history is poor, I am sure you know the story of the Reichstag Fire of Nazi Germany. The "overall record" of the assassination and its official investigatio may, I fear, become the story of America's Reichstag Fire thanks to lawyers and public servants such as yourself. And when you drown me in that sanctimonious crap about your virtue and my lack of scholarship, you remind me of those who defended the Nazis as men of peace misunderstood by the world.
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> "Indeed, Mr. Belin, it is one of the minor mysteries of the assassination that you and your cohorts responsible for investigating the crime can now face yourselves, can have any inner peace, and can call yourselves men. I ask myself if you can live with your disgusting actions, can the country?"

Is that too strong? Comments are welcome, soon, if possible.

Best,

Howard